


Memorandum



Date: May 9, 2006

To: Honorable Carlos Alvarez, Mayor
Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez and Members,
Board of County Commissioners

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager 

Subject: New Adopt-a-Tree Season
May 13 – August 19, 2006

The Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) is hosting the kick-off of the 2006 Adopt-a-Tree Season on May 13th at the Miami-Dade County Fairgrounds. During the 2005 rainy season, Miami-Dade County distributed approximately 18,000 trees to homeowners throughout the County.

The Adopt-a-Tree program is designed to help bolster the condition of our community's tree canopy, especially after the large number of trees that were lost during the last hurricane season. The program provides the County with all of the benefits of trees, in addition to educating our community about planting and caring for trees. The trees available for "adoption" are species that provide shade in their adulthood. Ideally, through this initiative and other tree programs, we will bring the tree canopy to the 25 to 35 percent coverage percentage enjoyed by other metropolitan areas around the country.

DERM is initially planning one event per month from May to August at various locations throughout the County, giving all Miami-Dade residents the opportunity to participate in the Adopt-a-Tree Program. Additional events may be considered depending on, demand for, and availability of trees. All single-family and duplex residential homeowners are invited to adopt two trees per property per year. You can visit the Adopt-a-Tree website at <http://www.miamidade.gov/derm/adoptatree/> to learn more details about the event.

The event schedule is as follows:

May 13th at Miami-Dade County Fairgrounds (11200 SW 24th Street) from 9am-12noon

June 25th at North Miami Beach City Hall (17011 NE 19th Avenue) from 9am-12noon

July 29th at University of Miami Bank United Center (1245 Dauer Avenue) from 9am-12noon

August 19th at Miami-Dade County Fairgrounds (11200 SW 24th Street) from 9am- 12noon

I hope you will join us and encourage your respective staff and employees to participate in the Adopt-a-Tree events. Please call Catherine Ferreira of DERM at (305) 372-6999 to confirm your attendance or for further details.

cc: Department Directors